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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this continued prosecution application, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. The amendments and remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2000.

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Corrections to the drawings will be made upon the allowance of claims.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 87-88, 90-91 and 106 as follows:

- 1 87. (Twice Amended) An interconnection component comprising:  
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3 a freestanding resilient elongate element; and

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